

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 249A.4, the Department of Human Services amends Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment increases the Medicaid reimbursement rate for nonemergency medical transportation by car from \$0.30 per mile to \$0.34 per mile. Medicaid members are entitled to request reimbursement for travel expenses when they must travel outside their local community to obtain medical care. Due to the rise in gasoline costs from 2001 to 2005, the Department increased the mileage allowance from \$0.21 per mile to \$0.30 per mile effective November 1, 2005. In July 2005, the average gasoline price per gallon in Iowa was \$2.13. As of July 2008, the average price reached \$3.93 per gallon. This amendment aligns the reimbursement rate more closely with the actual cost of transportation.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

This amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and was published in the Iowa Administrative Code on September 10, 2008, as **ARC 7122B**. Notice of Intended Action to solicit comment on that amendment was published as **ARC 7123B** on the same date. The Department received no comments on the Notice of Intended Action. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Council on Human Services adopted this amendment on December 10, 2008.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 249A.4.

This amendment shall become effective on February 18, 2009, at which time the Adopted and Filed Emergency amendment is rescinded.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of this amendment [78.13(5)] is being omitted. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice as **ARC 7123B** and Adopted and Filed Emergency as **ARC 7122B**, IAB 9/10/08.

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